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CURTIS MARKLE
IS ART DIRECTOR
FOR CLUB NEWS

At the Board of Directors meeting of the USDA Club held in August, Curtis Markle was appointed Art Director of the USDA Club News to succeed Ernest Godwin, who resigned to enter private business.

Markle has taken care of the printing and Masthead work of the Club News for the past two months.

He is an employee of Area Administrative Services Division in the Reproduction and Distribution Section, of which Neva Russell is Chief.

Neva, Markle and the Section have been very kind to the Club News.

BOARD WILL NAME
HONOR MEMBER WED.

Details pertaining to the selection each month of an Honor Member of the USDA Club were discussed at the August meeting of the Board of Directors and plans were made for the first "Honor Member of the Month" to

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COTTONSEED PRICE SUPPORT PROGRAM ANNOUNCED FOR 1951

Cottonseed prices on the 1951 crop will be supported by loans, purchase agreements, and direct purchase of cottonseed products by PMA from the crushers at predetermined support levels, according to the program which is announced by Commodity Credit Corporation for 1951.

As far as the Southwest is concerned it is likely that emphasis will be upon the purchase of products.

Products Purchase Plan

Under the Products-Purchase plan the ginner will pay the farmer the support price of \$61.50 per ton for basis grade 100 seed, based on the average grades for the particular area as published by the Cotton Branch for the preceding week. Grades will be based on samples taken at the oil mills.

The ginner will in turn sell the seed to the crusher at \$65.50 per ton f.o.b. the gin for the account of CCC. The crusher will have control of the seed and will be responsible for storage, handling, etc., because it is contemplated that after the ginner purchases for the account of CCC a simultaneous sale of the seed will be made by CCC to the crushers. All settlements for the seed will be between the participating gins and oil mills.

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COTTON GOAL OF 16,000,000 BALES IS MORE THAN MET BY NATION

The Department of Agriculture called for a 16 million bale crop for 1951 to make up for last year's very short turn-out, meet defense needs and provide reserves.

Farmers answered the appeal patriotically and produced not only 16 million bales, but the government has calculated that more than 17 million bales will be harvested.

The government loan program allows the farmer to reclaim his cotton and sell it himself if the price goes up. An official Washington view is that the crop should bring a pretty decent price if it is not all dumped on the market at once. It might be well for farmers to take the loan price of 32 cents per pound.

Cottonseed Program,
etc., Cont'd.

Crushers must notify the PMA Commodity Offices on or before September 15, 1951 of their intent to participate in the program. They will also be required to notify CCC before December 10, 1951 of their intent to deliver products to CCC. The crusher will be permitted to make deliveries of products on a formula basis, based on the average yields on an area basis

Support Prices Certified

CCC will not accept products in proportions or in quantities in excess of the yields of products from the tonnage of eligible seed declared to CCC. Ginners will be required to certify that they had paid not less than support prices.

A list of ginners participating in the program will be published and distributed to the crushers by the Commodity offices. The Dallas PMA Office will furnish state PMA offices with a list of participating oil mills.

E. E. Dennard is Acting Chief of the Oil Seeds Section with headquarters at 1114 Commerce Street.

HAM TO YOU

Bill: "What is a pig doing when it is eating?"
Will: "Making a hog of himself!"

YOU CAN SURVIVE AN ATOMIC ATTACK

Did you know that atom splitting is just another way of causing an explosion?

"While an atom bomb holds more death and destruction than man has ever before wrapped in a single package, it's total power is definitely limited," says the National Security Resources Board of the Civil Defense Office, Washington, D. C.

"Not even hydrogen bombs could blow the earth apart or kill us all by mysterious radiation," says the Board.

Because the power of all bombs is limited, your chances of living through an atomic attack are much better than you may have thought.

Just like fire bombs and ordinary high explosives, atomic weapons cause most of their death and damage by blast and heat.

Things to Do To Escape From Blast and Heat

1. Even if you have only a second's warning fall flat on your face.

If you are inside a building, the best place to flatten out is close against the cellar wall.
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Atomic Attack, etc. Cont'd.

If you haven't time to get to the cellar, lie down along an inside wall, or duck under a bed or table.

Don't pick a spot right opposite the windows or you are almost sure to be pelted with shattered glass.

If caught out-of-doors, either drop down alongside the base of a good substantial building--avoid flimsy wooden ones likely to be blown over on top of you--or else jump in any handy ditch or gutter.

When you fall flat to protect yourself from a bombing, don't look up to see what is coming. (The flash from a bursting A-bomb can cause several moments of blindness, if you're facing that way).

2. To prevent flash burns try to find a shelter where there is a wall, a high bank or some other object between you and the bursting bomb.

People may be seriously burned more than a mile away, while the heat can be felt on the bare face and hands at 4 or 5 miles.

A little bit of solid material will provide flash protection even close to the explosion. Farther out, the thinnest sort of thing--even cotton cloth--will often do the trick. (Another article on Atomic Attack will be in the next issue of the USDA Club News--This is the second of a series of articles on the subject).

Honor Member,
etc., Cont'd.

to be selected at the September meeting next Wednesday.

John L. McCollum is Chairman of the Work of the Department Committee, which will receive nominations for honor members from any employee of the Department of Agriculture in Dallas.

If you would like to nominate an outstanding co-worker who has performed duties beneficial to the whole of the Department send your nomination accompanied by details of the nominee's accomplishments to John L. McCollum, Area Mgr., Cotton Branch PMA, 1104 South Ervay Street.

RESEARCH RECOMMENDED FOR RUBBER SOURCES

The Senate Preparedness Subcommittee of the Committee on Armed Services, of which Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson is Chairman, in the 29th report recommended speedy development of research to produce rubber from plants which can be grown in Texas and other U. S. areas.

Guayule shrubs and saghyzes, a species of Russian dandelions, appear the most promising sources of rubber in the U. S. Guayule is grown profusely in the Rio Grande region of Texas.

Senator Johnson's Committee stated that the Department of Agriculture (Cont'd. on Page 4)

MORE CASTOR BEANS ARE BEING GROWN

The castor bean, Texas newest crop, may some day become one of the state's biggest money crops, so officials of PMA believe.

Increased production of this plant was enhanced by heavy military and civil demands for its valuable oil.

The government's price support program called for 12,000 acres of castor beans this year. More has been grown. The Vernon area has more than 14,000 acres.

Processing centers will open in the near future at Brownwood and Stephenville. These centers are owned by the government but are operated by a private company (Baker Castor Oil Co.) under government contract.

CCC Furnishes Seed

Under the government's price support program the Commodity Credit Corporation furnishes seed, at cost plus transportation, to farmers who sign CCC contracts.

CCC also is furnishing machinery to harvest the beans, but farmers pay harvesting costs including cost for purchasing or rental of the machines.

Most of the oil will go to government stockpiles. Civilian use has been limited by the government.

Castor beans are price supported at 10 cents per pound in 16 Texas counties.

FLAXSEED PLANTING GOALS ANNOUNCED

Planting goals of 235,000 acres of fall-sown flaxseed were announced by Secretary of Agriculture, Charles F. Brannan.

This is an increase of 122,000 acres over that planted for harvest this year.

Texas goal is 150,000 acres compared with this year's planting of 47,000 acres.

AGRICULTURE PRODUCTIVE

Farm families in the U. S. average 4.02 persons. Rural non-farm families average 3.61 persons. City families average 3.58 persons. (The fractions presumably represent the husbands).

Agriculture does appear to be a more productive way of life than other occupations.--Farm Journal.

Without a Partner?

Farmer: "Do you see this piece of land and what nice crops I have this year?"

Neighbor: "Yes, your crops look good."

Farmer: "I took the Lord into partnership with me this year. I have given the tithe and He has blessed my efforts."

"You should have seen this field when the Lord had it all by Himself."

Moral: God needs us.

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with modest appropriations has carried on extensive experiments to develop guayule and saghyzes which will yield more rubber.

As a result of information gathered by our Subcommittee, our natural rubber stockpile is being increased, all of our synthetic rubber plants have been reactivated, research on rubber is being stimulated, conservation measures are in effect and programs for the production of natural rubber within our own borders are being actively pursued.

In reports submitted by this committee in September and November of 1950 it was pointed out that no adequate program for the stockpiling of rubber was then carried out.

The Subcommittee therefore explored extensively with the agencies concerned not only the development of such a program but the specific steps that should be taken to implement it.

Substantial progress has been made toward real "rubber readiness."

Keep the Plentiful Food List handy and use the features each month.

Foods seem to taste better when they're in season and naturally if they're plentiful they're priced lower.

Special September features are Fryers and Processed Citrus Juices.

Fruits & Vegetables

Grapes
Canned Apples
Canned Applesauce
Beets
Cabbage

Protein Foods

Hens
Fresh & Frozen Fish
Cottage Cheese
Nonfat Dry Milk Solids
Peanut Butter

Discovery of a new outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease in the Mexican state of Vera Cruz wipes out all hope that the embargo on Mexican Cattle will be lifted next January 1, as had been tentatively planned, Agriculture Department officials stated recently.

BAI officials say records show a case where the disease broke out again after eight months of freedom. The new outbreak occurred seven and one-half months after the last outbreak.

Officials of BAI are willing to let the border be opened if 12 free months pass in Mexico. The new discovery is not believed to be serious but will delay exports.

CITRUS JUICES ENHANCE YOUR FOODS

"Good in so Many Ways"

Punches: Try various combinations and proportions of citrus juices with peach, pineapple, strawberry or other juices on hand. Ginger Ale makes a special contribution to cold punch. So do ice-cream and fruit sherbet. Gelatin: Heighten the flavor of orange gelatin by using orange juice instead of water.

Dressings: Combine citrus juice with salad oil for a tangy dressing especially good on fruit salads. Use grapefruit or orange juice instead of vinegar in cooked dressings for cabbage. Sirup: As a special pancake sirup, heat equal parts of orange juice and granulated sugar sirup together. Sprinkle canned lemon or grapefruit juices on fish just before serving.

Flavor for Pastries: Flavor hot breads, biscuits, and cookies with lemon or orange juice. Baste ham with grapefruit juice during baking.

Remember a new flavor for your delicacies makes you an interesting hostess.